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[Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District](#)



Kent --

Friends:

Back in 2013, I introduced constituents in the great 13th Council District to [The Mitch Plan](#).

The Mitch Plan is a set of goals to improve the look and feel of our neighborhoods and make our district the very best: improving our quality of life and providing a safe, enjoyable visitor experience to some of the most vibrant neighborhoods in all of Los Angeles.

My 33-year history with the 13th District, and my experience working with boots-on-the-ground as a volunteer and public servant, informed my approach. I've only been in office for two years, and together we are already seeing much of our plan realized, and are prepared to push ahead in the coming year.

[Here's a list of what we accomplished together in 2014](#). Moving forward, you can also [sign up for my weekly updates that will be sent directly to your inbox](#).

I want to thank you for your support and with your help, we will accomplish even more as we round out the year!

Warm regards,

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Mitch O'Farrell

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## COMING UP

SAT/SUN 7/11-7/12 - [35TH ANNUAL LOTUS FESTIVAL AT ECHO PARK LAKE](#)

SAT 7/18 - [HISTORIC FILIPINOTOWN RAMPART VILLAGE COMMUNITY CLEANUP](#)

SAT 7/25 - [COUNCILMEMBER IN YOUR CORNER - HOLLYWOOD](#)

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## HEADLINES

Who needs Paris? Pledge your troth over the LA River [[WALL STREET JOURNAL](#)]

O'Farrell speaks emotionally about same sex marriage [[LOS FELIZ LEDGER](#)]

City moves ahead to close Silver Lake tunnel [[EASTSIDER LA](#)]

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## **FOURTH OF JULY SAFETY**

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LOS ANGELES -- The Los Angeles Fire Department wants to remind Angelenos that ALL fireworks are illegal in the City of Los Angeles, and is encouraging residents to enjoy the various public fireworks displays across the region.

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[KEEPING YOUR PETS SAFE ON THE FOURTH OF JULY](#)

[4TH OF JULY EVENTS AT LOCAL CITY PARKS](#)

[FULL LIST OF FIREWORKS DISPLAYS ACROSS THE LOS ANGELES AREA](#)

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## **O'FARRELL STATEMENT ON SILVER LAKE/WESTLAKE OUTAGES**

LOS ANGELES - City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell issued this statement following a Department of Water and Power outage that affected up to 20,000 customers in the Silver Lake and Westlake communities in the 13th District.

"I want to give you an update on the power outage that affected up to 20,000 customers in the Silver Lake and Westlake communities on Tuesday night. Since power has been restored, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is now focusing on the grid and analyzing what could be causing these repeat outages, identifying a long term solution, and what infrastructure improvements are necessary. This issue is a top priority, and I have instructed and will continue to work with LADWP to come to a resolution. In the meantime, I have been promised that these latest fixes to the system will be completed in the coming weeks."

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## **TEAM MITCH - MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN RAMPART VILLAGE**

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In a continued effort to stay on top of illegal dumping activity in our communities, Team Mitch returned to clean up the alley near Virgil Middle School in Rampart Village. Please report this illegal dumping activity by using the MYLA311 Smartphone app or by contacting my office at 213-207-3015.

[SEE MORE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK](#)

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### **O'FARRELL STARTS REFORM PROCESS ON SMALL LOT ORDINANCE IN LOS ANGELES**

*From Councilmember O'Farrell's blog:*

This week in Council, my colleague Councilmember Mike Bonin and I introduced a motion to address multiple issues in regard to small lot subdivisions in the City of Los Angeles. At issue: needed reform for infill development requirements in residential neighborhoods.

My constituents across the district are all too familiar with this ordinance since it was implemented in 2005, as this new housing model has been widely used throughout the district.

This motion calls for the City's Planning Department, along with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report back on proposed updates to the Small Lot Ordinance and Design Guidelines.

[READ THE MOTION HERE](#)

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### **INSTAGRAM OF THE WEEK**

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SILVER LAKE -- Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell is working to make improvements to the Micheltorena Street Stairs in Silver Lake! This week crews with the Bureau of Engineering started work on a new retaining wall, and Street Lighting is working to get new lights installed. The Councilmember commended Scott Plante, chair of the Urban Design Committee for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, for working with the CD13 staff on this project.

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